

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1648 without my signature. AB 1648 would establish a Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD) Education and Research Program in the Department of Health Services (DHS) to promote public awareness of the causes of RSD and the value of early detection, diagnosis and treatment, as well as to promote further RSD research.

Although AB 1648 allows DHS to accept funds from private and federal sources to accomplish its provisions, receipt of these funds is uncertain. A continuous reliable funding source is necessary to establish an education and research campaign. I am concerned that AB 1648 creates the expectation that an educational campaign will be conducted without an allocation to support it.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger